



# Cockle Island Boat Club Christmas Newsletter 2023

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To all our Members

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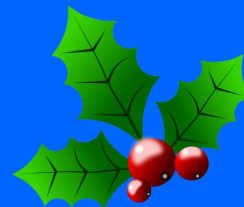


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# Editors Seasonal Greetings



Sorry had to catch the bus on this edition as print time was getting short. Anyone remember jumping onto the bus just as it was leaving the stop?? Try doing it now!

I was just reliving a few memories with other members of the club at the Ulster Transport Museum. As the saying goes “ doesn't time fly”.

So here we are again, Christmas 2023. The wee club is ticking along nicely and many thanks to all involved in keeping it “chust so”.

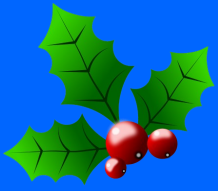


Its at this time of year our thoughts are for Family and friends and for those who are not sadly still with us, But they will always be in spirit.

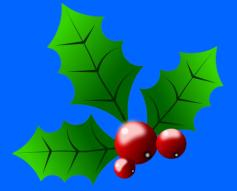
I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

The Ed.





## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Well folks, that year certainly flew in. Time seems to go a lot quicker the older you get. I was warned it was going to be a busy year, and it certainly was. I have very much enjoyed being Commodore of Cockle Island Boat Club this year.

We had another successful sailing season. Although the Northern Irish weather did us no favours, we persevered regardless. I would like to convey a massive thanks to Terry Graham who has been the chairman of the sailing sub-committee. He has done a fantastic job over the years and has now decided to step down. And of course not forgetting the rest of the team who stood diligently at the battery in wind, rain and hail.

Our prize giving dinner at Donaghadee Golf Club at the start of November, was very well attended, with great craic and a marvellous entertainer, a very enjoyable evening was had. A big thank you to all who helped to make it a great evening.

I would like to pay tribute to the executive committee for all their help and commitment throughout the year, ensuring that the club ran smoothly. In particular John Cathcart and Ron Hutchison who work tirelessly behind the scenes 365. We all look forward to the arrival of each new edition of our club magazine and our Facebook page is also becoming increasingly popular. In my opinion, our winter programme is the best around. This is all down to the very hard work of Campbell Gardner and Brian Galbraith. A big thank you to you both from all the members. Once again I would like to thank all our members for helping to make 2023 another successful year. I hope that CIBC continues to go from strength to strength. I am very much looking forward to Christmas, spending precious time with family and friends. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Michael Arbuthnot Commodore CIBC





**You may return in twenty years  
Perhaps a few more  
To wander round the harbour  
And linger on the shore  
Memories will come tumbling back  
Of times so long ago  
Of happy days in Groomsport  
With the Friends you used to know**



**Is Ronnie sitting on the wall  
All sea boots beard and pipe  
Is Roy still working at his boat  
Has Maurice got his figures right**

**Through the “Gillet” slides a sail  
Is it Duncan, Dave or Don  
Or Alan coming from a race  
Without his engine on**

**Are Tom and Derek cruising still  
Is Jim still changing boats  
Can Fergie when the wind is right  
Beat anything that floats**

**You call out through the office door  
*“Michael, Anne - Hello”*  
But a stranger from inside replies  
*“They retired — long time ago”***

**Now the boats that are here are not the same  
As the boats that you once knew  
For the tide has now gone out for them  
And the men who sailed them too  
But we are happy ghosts my son  
For us don't shed a tear  
We are all around you where you stand  
We have found our heaven here.**





# Notice of Nomination at Annual General Meeting



This is the principal business occasion for the club, when members have an opportunity to question the outgoing Executive committee on their handling of the affairs of the Club during the past year and also to have the opportunity to make appointments for the incoming year and discuss and propose future activities of the club

## Nominations

The following is a guideline concerning the nominations and elections for the Executive Committee.

- (a) Only FULL members may be appointed to office on the Executive Committee and only FULL members may vote thereon.
  - (b) No nomination should be made unless the intending proposer and seconder - after consultation with their prospective nominee satisfied that the person nominated will be willing and able to serve the Club in the capacity for which they are proposed.
  - (c) No person shall accept nomination unless adequate time, thought and energy can be spared to fulfil the duties involved.
- The full Executive Committee meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 19:45 hours.

Verbal nominations may be made at the AGM but it is preferable if nominations are submitted in writing and sent to the Hon. Secretary before the AGM



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# NOTICE OF 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



You are invited to attend the 49th Annual General Meeting to be held in the Boathouse, Groomsport on Wednesday 10th January, 2024 at 20.00hrs

## **Business of Annual General Meeting**

To receive the report of the Executive Committee for 2023.

To receive the accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 2023 and the report of the Honorary Treasurer.

To appoint office bearers and the Executive Committee for the year 2024. These appointments shall be made by and from full members as rule 7(a).

POSITION CANDIDATE PROPOSED BY SECONDED BY

Commodore HARRY PATTERSON TBC TBC

Vice Commodore GEMMA McCOUBREY TBC TBC

Rear Commodore TBC TBC TBC

Honorary Secretary John Cathcart TBC TBC

Honorary Treasurer Ron Hutchieson TBC TBC

Committee 1 Richard Bunting

Committee 2 John Cleary

Committee 3 Brian Galbraith

Committee 4 Gary Wilgar

Committee 5 Campbell Gardner

Committee 6 to be proposed

ex officio Immediate Past Commodore Michael Arbuthnot

To appoint the Honorary Auditor to audit the accounts for the year 2024.

To transact any other business agreed by the Executive Committee. •

A member wishing to raise a subject for discussion shall give at least

SEVEN days' notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary (Rule

7.5) • To discuss any business notified (as above).

Yours sincerely John F. Cathcart Honorary Secretary



# PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024



## FULL MEMBERSHIP

£45.00

£40 if paid **before** the end of March 2024

**Pending AGM ratification**

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER

£15.00

**Note: Associate membership is open to a Spouse or Partner of a full member who resides at the same address as that of the member (only persons holding full membership of CIBC are entitled to vote at the AGM)**

### Payment of Subscription

**Subscriptions should be paid to the CIBC Treasurer, Ron Hutchieson**

**(Cheques made payable to Cockle Island Boat Club)**

**or by e banking Transfer to**

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# CIBC Transport Museum Trip “down memory lane “







# CIBC Sailing Awards 2023



2023 sailing season was very challenging due to some unpleasant conditions and strong winds, other times there was little or no wind.

The number of boats competing in the various series had improved on the previous season, with the Wrinklies again being the best supported.

Thanks to those Boats and Crew who did turn out to support the racing programme. The Sailing Committee would like to thank all those members who acted as Race Officers, especially those on the shore battery for the Crowe Cup series.

## AWARDS:

Round the Lough; 5 races were scheduled; 2 were cancelled. Nancy M and Dovelet tied for second place with 2 races completed, but LARA won the series after completing all 3 races.

Wrinklies; Best supported series of season with 11 boats taking part. 17 races were scheduled with 11 to count.

Final result was Maximoose in 2nd place with 36 points, but a win for BIRD of SUNSET with 44 points.

Wrinklies Offshore to Glenarm ; The race was well supported despite the very light airs. Several boats managed to sail the entire race with Seahaven finishing in 2 nd place behind HECLA who was first.

A very enjoyable meal and social gathering took place following the race.

Crowe Cup; This series was very competitive but fraught with weather problems.

18 races were scheduled, 4 were cancelled, 2 were abandoned and 1 was timed out.

Ishtar and Bird of Sunset went into the last race on equal points (31) only to have to abandon it

due to light airs. Bird of Sunset had 3 wins during the series, but ISHTAR had 5 making them 2023 winners.

Round the Islands; 6 races scheduled , 1 abandoned and 1 cancelled. 11 boats competed Series .won by

LARA who was only boat to complete 4 races.

Portpatrick Offshore ; Abandoned due to light airs.

Duncan McInnes Trophy; awarded to Boat attending the most Regattas on Lough. Won by the AncientMariner on Hecla, Kenny Walsh.

T J PLATING CUP for September Series; 8 races scheduled, 4 were cancelled due to weather.

Plexus finished in 2nd place behind BIRD of SUNSET who won series.

Pursuit Race. Race took place in light airs with Herby Lysk again acting as starter/ Race Officer. Race won by BIRD of SUNSET with Scarlet in 2nd place

Endeavour Trophy. Awarded to sailor or crew who puts in a good effort. This year the sailing committee

would like to acknowledge the competitive spirit and support for the racing programme and the cup is presented to MAXIMOOSE.





# CIBC Sailing Awards 2023





# Cockle Island Boat Club Dinner Donaghadee Golf Club 2023



Just a few Pictures from a Great Evening!  
Check out the video on Web Page for more.







**CIBC WINTER PROGRAMME 2023-24**  
**Club House Groomsport 8pm**



**Wed 10/1/2024 AGM**

**Wed 17/1/2024 The History of The Cockle Island Boat Club**  
**John Cleery Willie Wickens Jim Howell Jim Gibb**

**Wed 24/1/2024 Fishery Protection David Eccles**

**Wed 31/1/24 Bringing Open Water Home Eddie Reynolds**

**Wed 7/2/24 Committee**

**Wed 14/2/24 Circumnavigation of Ireland Salty Lass's**

**Wed 21/2/24 Cinema Night BYO (film to be confirmed)**

**Wed 28/2/24 Michael Meharg Safer Waters**

**Wed 6/3/24 Committee**

**Wed 13/3/24 Belfast Lough Sailability TBC**

**Wed 20/3/24 Ballywalter Park**

**Wed 27/3/24 Quiz night**

**Wed 3/4/24 Committee**

**Wed 10/4/24 Sailors meeting**  
**Sat 13th RYA YTC sail measurement**

**Sat 27/4/24 Spring Supper DSC**

Please note any changes to this programme members will be notified by e mail